GUNSMOKE WESTERN

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KID COLT, OUTLAW

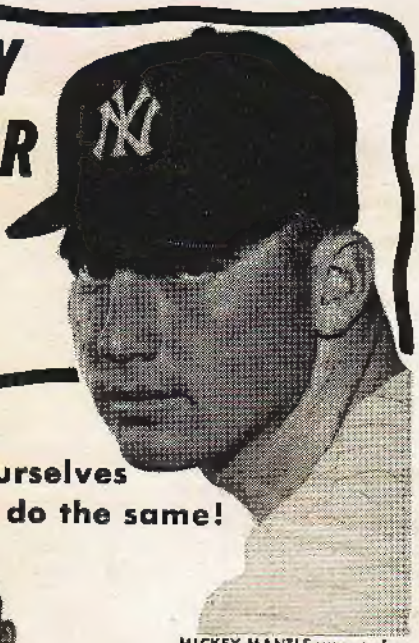
ON YOUR FEET, KID! YOU'RE GONNA JOIN "THE MEN WHO VANISH!"

WYATT EARP

"JAIL-BREAK IN DODGE CITY!"

Let us PACK YOUR BODY with the MUSCLE POWER you've always wanted!

says *Mickey Mantle*



Stop being "Pushed Around" because you're FLABBY...SKINNY...or SLOW! We trained ourselves to be champs...and we'll show you how to do the same!

YOGI BERRA used to be called "Fatso"—until he got into all kinds of sports and learned how to play to *win!* That's how he got the reputation as one of the toughest competitors in major league baseball!

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Get Started NOW—for just 10¢

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You can start by sending 10¢ for their Championship Training Book *right now!* In it, Mickey Mantle shows you how to step up your batting average...Doak Walker gives you some great passing tips...Bob Cousy tells you how to handle a basketball like a pro...Joe Louis shows you how to fight a guy who's bigger than you. You get all this *and much much more* for only 10¢. And with this little book we'll send you all the details of a low-cost Program these great athletes have developed to train you to become a CHAMP.

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KID COLT OUTLAW

THE LEGEND OF KID COLT... YEARS AGO, KID COLT KILLED AN OUTLAW IN SELF-DEFENSE! BUT, BEING YOUNG AND FOOLISH, HE FLED, INSTEAD OF STAYING TO STAND TRIAL! SINCE THEN, HE HAS SPENT HIS LIFE TRYING TO ATONE FOR HIS MISTAKE!

THOSE SHADOWS! THREE MEN, ABOUT TO ATTACK ME! I'VE GOT TO MOVE **FAST!**

"THE MEN WHO VANISH!"

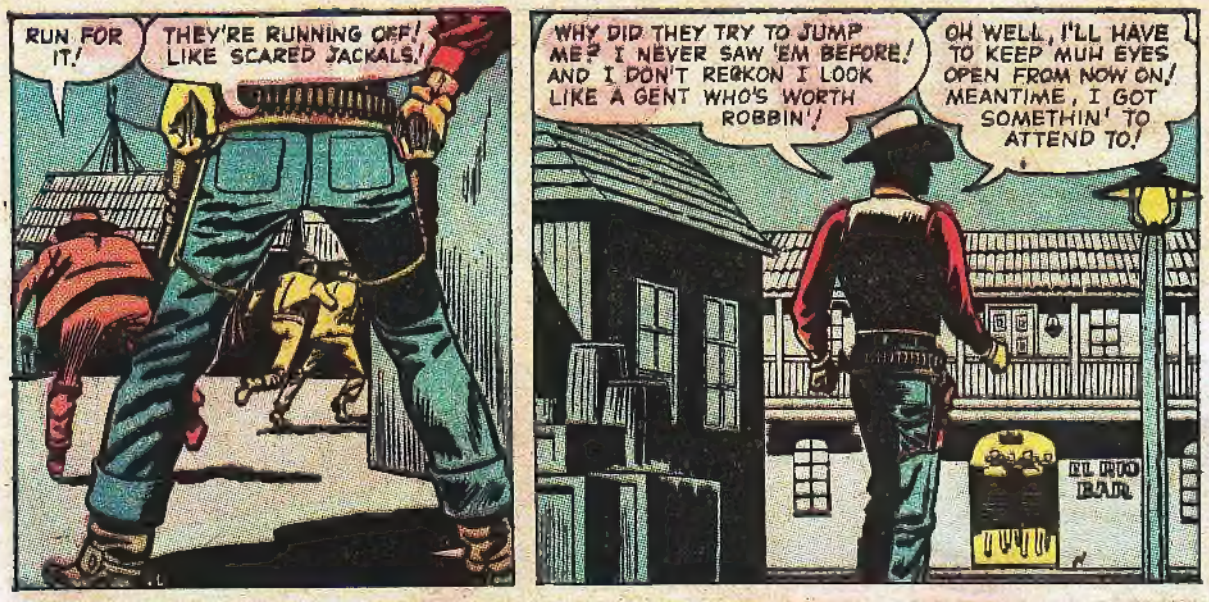
by Stan Lee & Jack Keller

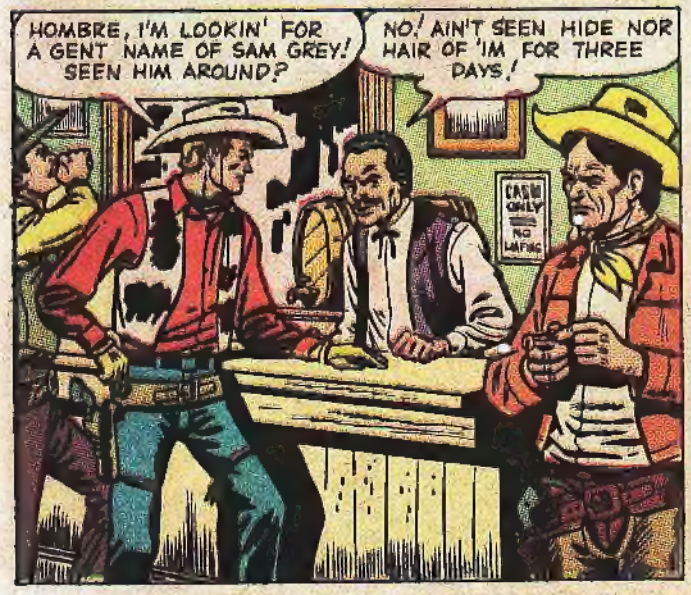
EL RIO WAS ONE OF THE LAST FRONTIERS OF LAWLESSNESS IN THE OLD WEST! IT STOOD ON THE GULF OF MEXICO, A HAVEN FOR EVERY OWLHOOT, DRIFTER, AND FUGITIVE SEAMAN IN THE TERRITORY! AND IT WAS IN THE SPRAWLING, BRAWLING TOWN OF EL RIO THAT ONE OF KID COLT'S MOST AMAZING ADVENTURES BEGAN...

THE KID WHIRLED WITH THE SPEED OF A WOUNDED PANTHER, HIS LEGENDARY TWIN-COLTS BLAZING IN HIS HANDS BEFORE HIS FOES KNEW WHAT HAPPENED!

DROP THOSE GUNS, HOMBRES-- OR TASTE LEAD!

HE'S ARMED!


RUN FOR IT!
THEY'RE RUNNING OFF! LIKE SCARED JACKALS!
WHY DID THEY TRY TO JUMP ME? I NEVER SAW 'EM BEFORE! AND I DON'T REKON I LOOK LIKE A GENT WHO'S WORTH ROBBIN'!
OH WELL, I'LL HAVE TO KEEP MUH EYES OPEN FROM NOW ON! MEANTIME, I GOT SOMETHIN' TO ATTEND TO!
EL RIO BAR


HOMBRE, I'M LOOKIN' FOR A GENT NAME OF SAM GREY! SEEN HIM AROUND?
NO! AIN'T SEEN HIDE NOR HAIR OF 'IM FOR THREE DAYS!
CASH ONLY
NO LAFING

THAT'S STRANGE! HE WUZ SUPPOSED TO MEET ME HERE YESTERDAY! I'VE LOOKED ALL OVER FOR 'IM! AIN'T LIKE SAM TO BREAK AN APPOINTMENT!
HE AIN'T THE FIRST JASPER TO VANISH FROM THESE PARTS!
VANISH? WHAT DO YUH MEAN?

NOTHIN'!! DO YA HEAR??!! I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHIN'! FORGET IT! I-I GOTTA GIT TO WORK NOW! I'M BUSY!
GIMME A DRINK, CURLY! AND I MEAN NOW!

SURE, CAP'N GROGG! RIGHT AWAY! YES SIR! YOU BET!
THAT HOMBRE WAS ABOUT TO TELL ME SOMETHIN', AND THEN HE GOT PLUMB SCARED SILLY! LOOKS TO ME LIKE THIS SEA CAPTAIN'S GOT SOMETHIN' TO DO WITH IT!
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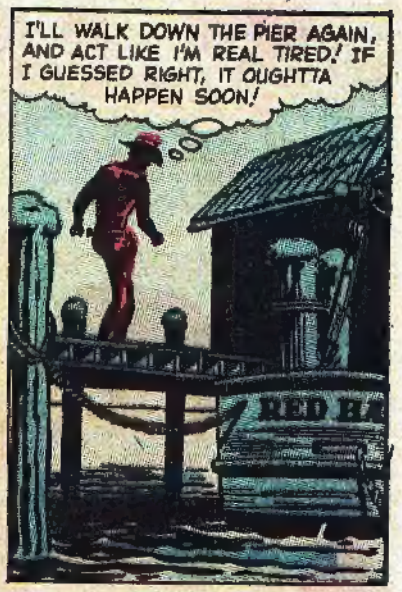
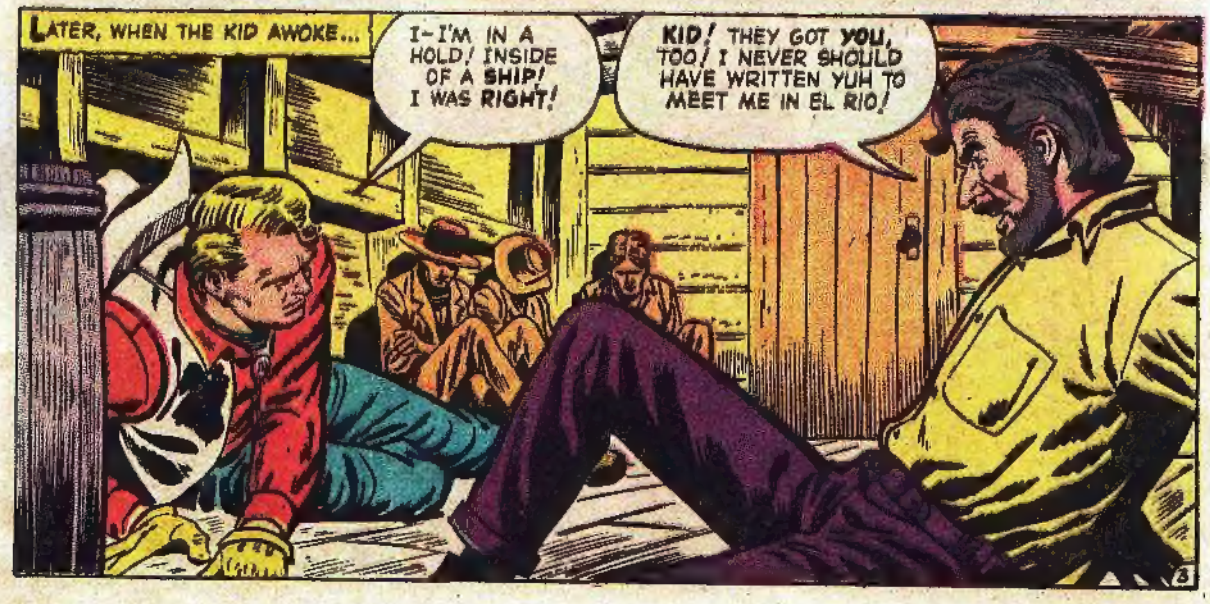
WHY WOULD THAT BARTENDER SAY MEN HAVE "VANISHED" IN THIS TOWN? AND WHERE IS MY OLD AMIGO, SAM GREY? AND WHAT HAS THAT HULKING SEA CAPTAIN GOT TO DO WITH IT?

SEA CAPTAIN! MEN VANISHING! SHORE! I GOT IT NOW! IT'S A LONG SHOT, BUT I GOTTA PLAY IT!


I'LL WALK DOWN THE PIER AGAIN, AND ACT LIKE I'M REAL TIRED! IF I GUESSED RIGHT, IT OUGHTTA HAPPEN SOON!

I WUZ RIGHT! THOSE RANNIES ACROSS THE STREET ARE COMIN' TOWARD ME-- AND IT AIN'T A SOCIAL VISIT!
BUT I'LL LET 'EM PLAY THEIR HAND!
HEY, HOMBRE! WAIT A MINNIT!!

A SPLIT SECOND LATER, ONE OF THE MEN MADE A SUDDEN MOVE, AND DARKNESS ENGULFED KID COLT!
GOOD WORK, HANK! HE'S OUT COLD!
QUICK! LET'S CARRY HIM TO THE SHIP!


LATER, WHEN THE KID AWOKE...
I-I'M IN A HOLD! INSIDE OF A SHIP! I WAS RIGHT!
KID! THEY GOT YOU, TOO! I NEVER SHOULD HAVE WRITTEN YUH TO MEET ME IN EL RIO!

SAM! SAM GREY! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YUH, AMIGO!
TOO BAD WE HADDA MEET HERE, COMPADRE! WE BEEN SHANGHIED! CAPTAIN GROGG SMUGGLES GUNS FROM OVERSEAS TO THE INJUNS, AND THIS IS HOW HE RECRUITS HIS CREW!
I RECKONED AS MUCH! BUT WE GOT A FIGHTIN' CHANCE! THERE ARE FIVE OF US HERE, AND ONLY ONE CAP'N, GROGG!
IT'S NO GOOD, KID! HE HAS A FIRST MATE, TOO--HOMBRE BY THE NAME OF SQUINT! FASTEST GUN I EVER SAW! THEY'RE BOTH ARMED TO THE TEETH, AND WE'RE HELPLESS! NOTHIN' WE CAN DO!
MOVE, YOU LUBBERS! WE'RE SETTIN' SAIL! CAP'N WANTS YUH ALL ON DECK... THE WHOLE ORNERY LOT OF YUH!
THAT'S SQUINT! WATCH OUT FOR THOSE GUNS OF HIS!
NOBODY TELLS ME WHAT TO DO, MISTER! NOW STAND ASIDE!
OH, A TOUGH GUY, HUH?
THIS IS WHAT I DO TO TOUGH GUYS! AFTER A WHILE, THEY AIN'T SO TOUGH ANYMORE!
UGH!
WHY YOU...! I'LL--
DON'T TRY IT, HOMBRE! I'D SHOOT YUH AS SOON AS LOOK AT YUH!
DON'T DO IT, KID! HE MEANS WHAT HE SAYS!
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ALL RIGHT, SAM! I'LL WAIT MY CHANCE!
PLAY IT SAFE, KID! GROGG AND SQUINT HOLD ALL THE ACES IN THIS DECK!
LISTEN, YUH SCURVY LUBBERS! I'M CAPTAIN HERE, AND WHAT I SAY GOES! IF YUH DO YORE JOBS, NO ONE WILL GIT HURT... MUCH! BUT IF ANY OF YUH TRY ANY TROUBLE, YUH'LL GO OVER THE SIDE TO KEEP THE SHARKS COMPANY!
ALL RIGHT, SQUINT! PUT 'EM TO WORK!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY GROGG CAN GIT A CREW, KID! NO ONE WANTS TO SAIL WITH A GUN-RUNNER, SO HE SHANGHIES HIS MEN!
WELL, I RECKON THIS IS WHERE WE PUT A STOP TO HIS LITTLE GAME, HERE AND NOW!
WHAT CAN YUH DO, MISTER! THEY'RE ARMED, AND WE AIN'T!
NO ONE IS EVER UNARMED, LONG AS HE CAN USE HIS BRAINS! WATCH...
HEY, WHAT DO YUH THINK YORE DOIN'?!
THIS!!
CHARGE 'EM, MEN!
THUD!
I OWED YUH THIS, MISTER!
KID! LOOK OUT! THE CAPTAIN!
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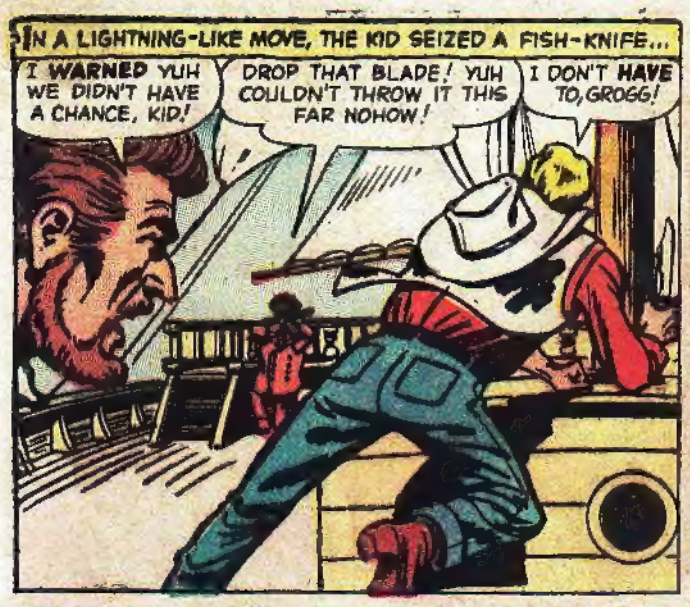
IN A LIGHTNING-LIKE MOVE, THE KID SEIZED A FISH-KNIFE...
I WARNED YUH WE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE, KID!
DROP THAT BLADE! YUH COULDN'T THROW IT THIS FAR NOHOW!
I DON'T HAVE TO, GROGG!

THIS IS AS FAR AS I HAVE TO THROW IT!
YUH--YUH CUT THE MAINSAIL!

ALL RIGHT, BOYS-- HE'S ALL YOURS!
LET'S TAKE HIM, MEN!
WE'RE WITH YUH!

LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER...
LOOK LIVELY, MEN! HERE HE COMES! I'VE BEEN ON GROGG'S TRAIL FOR MONTHS, AND WE'RE GONNA GET HIM NOW! DON'T KNOW WHY HE'S RETURNING, BUT HE'LL BE SORRY HE DID!

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES THE SHIP WAS BOARDED AND...
LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE DID US A MIGHTY BIG FAVOR! ALL WRAPPED UP FOR US!
YUH CAN THANK THE TWO JASPERS WHO JUST SWAM TO SHORE FOR THAT, SHERIFF!
WHAT TWO JASPERS?

THIS IS AS CLOSE AS I WANNA GET TO ANY LAWMEN! LET'S MAKE TRACKS, AMIGO!
KID, NEXT TIME WE DECIDE TO GIT TOGETHER FOR A VISIT, LET'S MAKE IT IN CHURCH!
AND SO, CAPTAIN GROGG AND HIS FIRST MATE ANSWERED FOR THEIR CRIMES... AND THE KID--? HE HAD SIMPLY ADDED ONE MORE EXPLOIT TO THE GROWING LEGEND OF ...KID COLT, OUTLAW!
The End

DRAW ME

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THE GUNSMOKE KID

FOLKS WERE DEAD CERTAIN THAT SOONER OR LATER THE KID AND YOUNG MARSH WOULD FACE EACH OTHER WITH SNARLING .45'S IN THEIR HANDS! BUT IT DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN A DUEL...

WHEN GUNSLINGERS MEET!

I JUST RODE IN, SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS FIGHT IS ALL ABOUT, MISTER! BUT I DON'T LIKE SEEING A MAN SHOT FROM BEHIND! PUT UP THE GUN!
YOU'RE THE GUNSMOKE KID! I WASN'T GOING TO SHOOT HIM!
JACK DAVIS
0-28!

GRANDPA! DID YOU HEAR? THAT'S THE GUNSMOKE KID! NOW YOU CAN SHOW ME HOW YOU USED TO HANDLE BAD MEN IN THE OLD DAYS!
HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG, JEFF! NOT YET! BESIDES, WE GOT ENOUGH TROUBLE WITH THAT YOUNG, NO-GOOD, MARSH...
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ALL RIGHT! WHO'S NEXT? WHO ELSE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT MY FAMILY?
HIS FAMILY? WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, OLD-TIMER?
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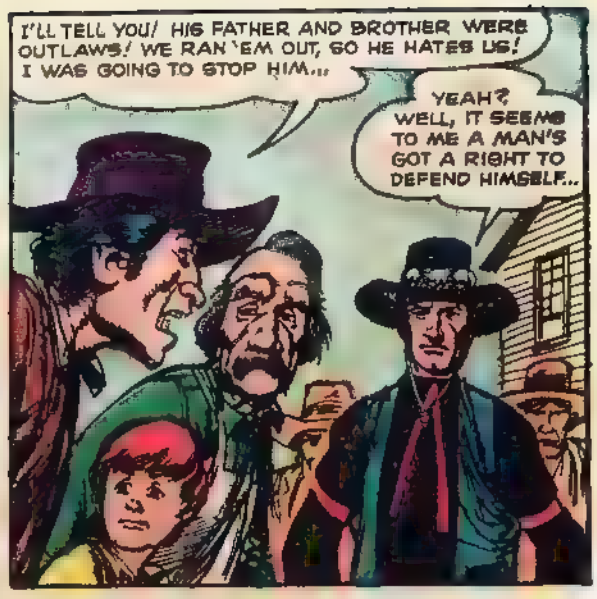
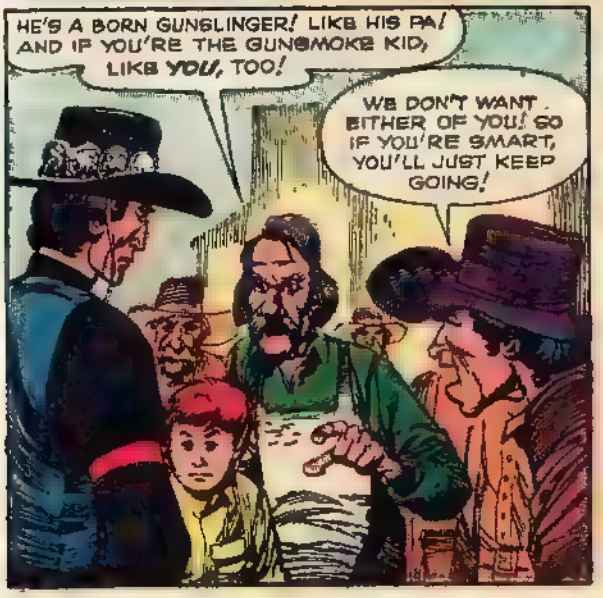
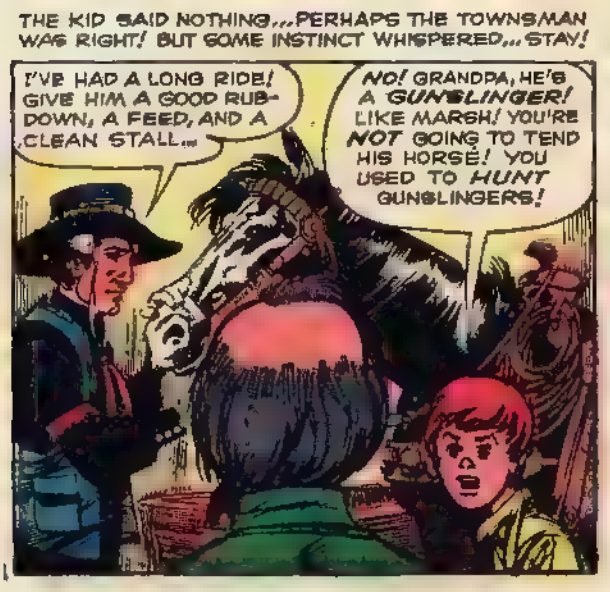

I'LL TELL YOU! HIS FATHER AND BROTHER WERE OUTLAWS! WE RAN 'EM OUT, SO HE HATES US! I WAS GOING TO STOP HIM...
YEAH? WELL, IT SEEMS TO ME A MAN'S GOT A RIGHT TO DEFEND HIMSELF...


HE'S A BORN GUNSLINGER! LIKE HIS PA! AND IF YOU'RE THE GUNSMOKE KID, LIKE *YOU*, TOO!
WE DON'T WANT EITHER OF YOU! SO IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'LL JUST KEEP GOING!

I WAS JUST RIDING THROUGH! NOW I THINK I'LL STAY A WHILE! ANYONE FEEL DIFFERENT ABOUT IT?
OKAY! STAY! BUT SOONER OR LATER, YOU AND MARSH MAY BE FACING EACH OTHER!


THE KID SAID NOTHING...PERHAPS THE TOWNSMAN WAS RIGHT! BUT SOME INSTINCT WHISPERED...STAY!
I'VE HAD A LONG RIDE! GIVE HIM A GOOD RUB-DOWN, A FEED, AND A CLEAN STALL...
NO! GRANDPA, HE'S A *GUNSLINGER!* LIKE MARSH! YOU'RE *NOT* GOING TO TEND HIS HORSE! YOU USED TO *HUNT* GUNSLINGERS!

HE HASN'T BROKEN ANY LAWS, JEFF! I CAN'T DO ANYTHING! BUT HE WON'T STAY! YOU'LL SEE! WHEN HE AND MARSH MEET...
BLAM
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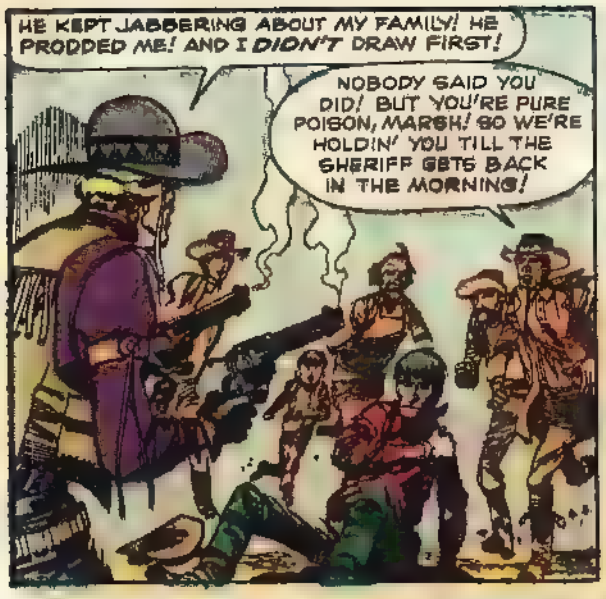
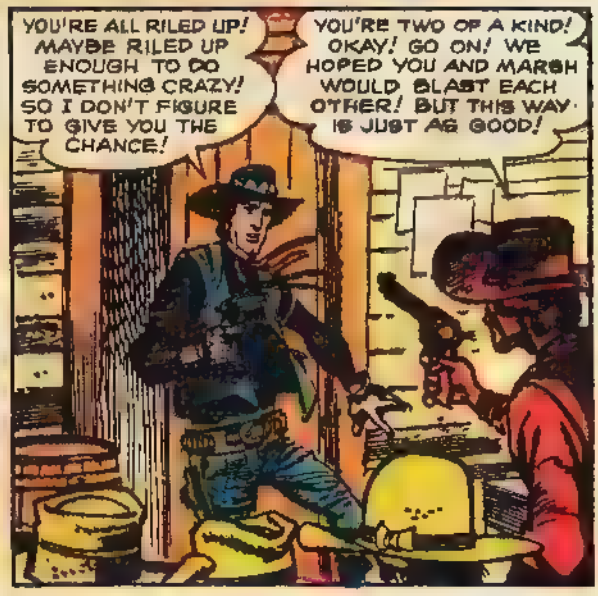
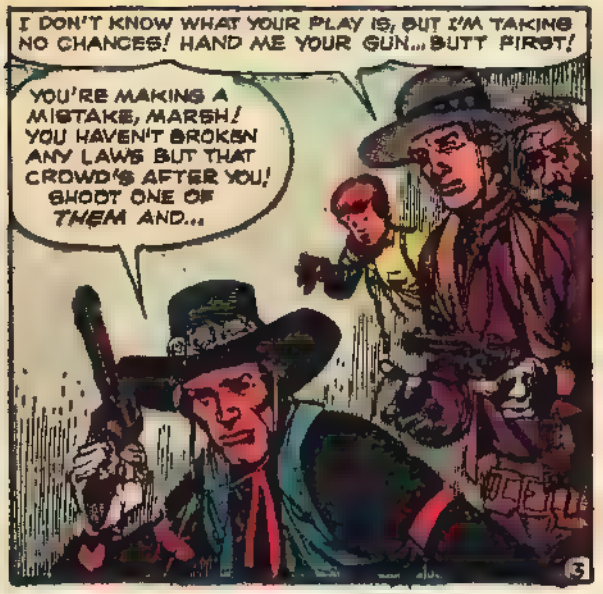

HE KEPT JABBERING ABOUT MY FAMILY! HE PRODDED ME! AND I DIDN'T DRAW FIRST!
NOBODY SAID YOU DID! BUT YOU'RE PURE POISON, MARSH! SO WE'RE HOLDIN' YOU TILL THE SHERIFF GETS BACK IN THE MORNING!

IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, DROP YOUR GUNS!
NOT ME! THE WAY THIS TOWN HATES ME, MY GUNS ARE THE ONLY FRIENDS I'VE GOT! I'M KEEPING 'EM!

THERE'S NO NEED FOR MORE SHOOTING, MISTER! NOT YET! LEAVE YOUR IRON IN THE HOLSTER!


YOU'RE ALL RILED UP! MAYBE RILED UP ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING CRAZY! SO I DON'T FIGURE TO GIVE YOU THE CHANCE!
YOU'RE TWO OF A KIND! OKAY! GO ON! WE HOPED YOU AND MARSH WOULD BLAST EACH OTHER! BUT THIS WAY IS JUST AS GOOD!


I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR PLAY IS, BUT I'M TAKING NO CHANCES! HAND ME YOUR GUN... BUTT FIRST!
YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE, MARSH! YOU HAVEN'T BROKEN ANY LAWS BUT THAT CROWD'S AFTER YOU! SHOOT ONE OF THEM AND...

THEY'D SHOOT ME! SO I'LL TAKE CARE OF MYSELF! GET OVER WITH THE BOY AND THE OLD MAN!
YOU'RE A FOOL, MARSH! BUT HAVE IT YOUR WAY!
GRANDPA, WHY DON'T YOU DO SOMETHING? HE'S JUST AN OWLHOOT! AND ALL OWLHOOTS ARE YELLOW! YOU TOLD ME!
KEEP THAT KID QUIET! I WANT TO HEAR IF ANYONE TRIES TO SNEAK UP ON ME!
MY GRANDPA CAN HANDLE A DOZEN LIKE YOU!
YOUR GRANDPA TELLS A GOOD STORY... LEAVE IT AT THAT! AND KEEP QUIET!
JEFF, DON'T! HE MIGHT DO ANYTHING...
HE... NO! GRANDPA, YOU'RE SCARED! YOU DID FIGHT BAD MEN IN THE OLD DAYS, DIDN'T YOU?
ALL RIGHT! YOU OUT THERE! YOU WANT IT LIKE THIS? OKAY!
BLAM BLAM BLAM CLICK
GRANDPA, HE WASN'T RIGHT ABOUT YOU, WAS HE? YOU DIDN'T JUST MAKE UP ALL THOSE STORIES?
JEFF, I... YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...
I DID MAKE IT UP! BUT I'M NOT GOIN' TO LET YOU THINK YOUR GRANDPA IS A COWARD!
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DON'T TRY ANYTHING MARSH! REACH! I'VE GOT YOU COVERED!
HE DIDN'T HE DIDN'T MARSH
YOU CAN'T SHOOT A MAN WITH AN EMPTY GUN, OLD MAN! DROP IT!
EXCEPT THAT THIS GUN ISN'T EMPTY! I HAD ONE .45 SLUG! JUST ONE! AND IT'S IN THIS GUN NOW! YOU DROP IT!
YOU BET YOU DO! NOW MARCH! OUTSIDE!
WELL, I'LL BE... THE OLD MAN GOT MARSH!
YES! AND HE DID IT WITH AN EMPTY GUN! HE MADE MARSH THINK IT
ALL RIGHT! WE'LL TAKE HIM NOW AND THE GUNSMOKE KID, TOO!
I DON'T THINK SO, HOMBRE! AFTER WHAT JUST HAPPENED, I THINK MARSH WILL WANT TO LEAVE THIS TOWN! AND SO WILL I!
I DON'T THINK YOU'D HARM MARSH OR ME! YOU'RE ALL DECENT FOLKS... BUT EVEN DECENT FOLKS DO LOCO THINGS WHEN THEY'RE MAD! SO WE'RE RIDING OUT!
A DERRINGER! HE HAD IT UP HIS SLEEVE!
I WOULD HAVE IF YOU'D MADE A MOVE TO HURT THE BOY OR THE OLD MAN! BUT
BETTER GET OUR HORSES!

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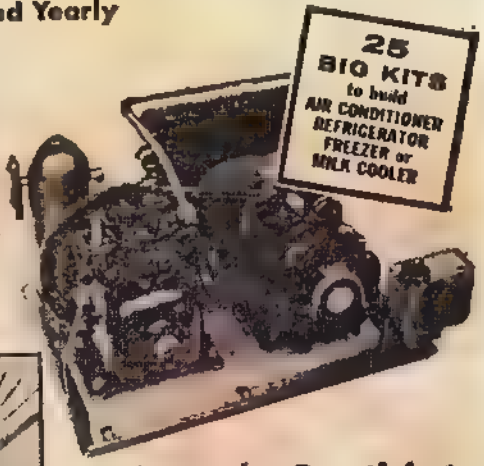

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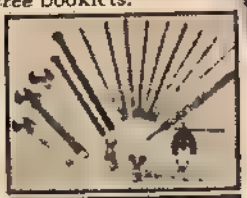

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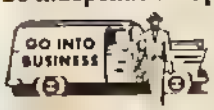

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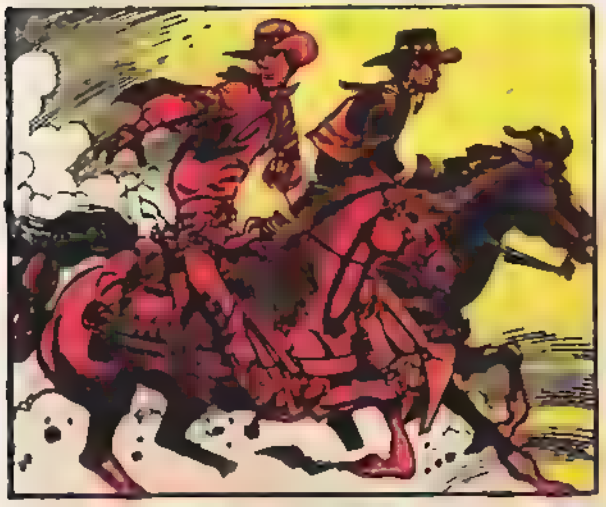
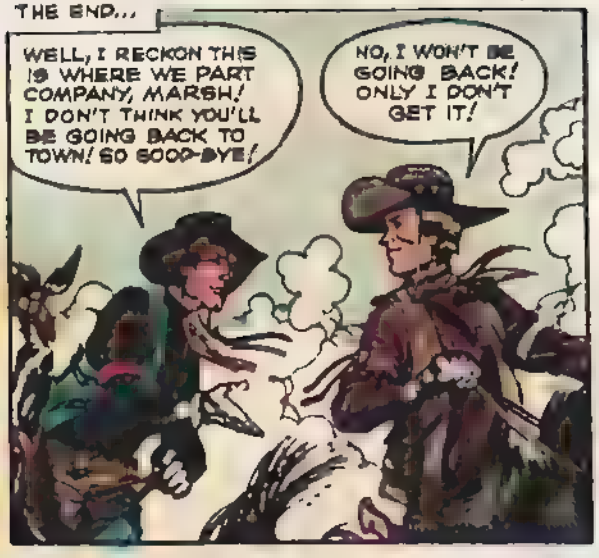
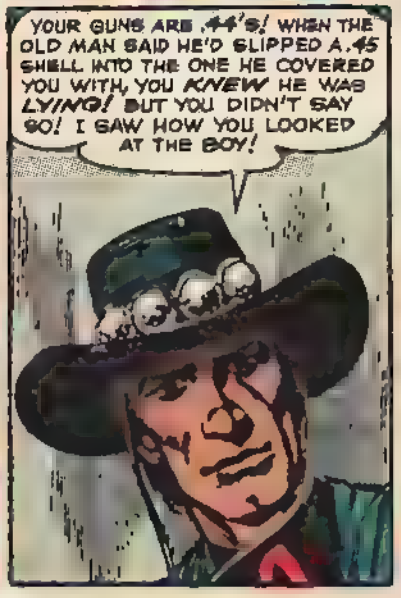


THERE WAS NO ONE TO SEE AND UNDERSTAND, AT THE END...

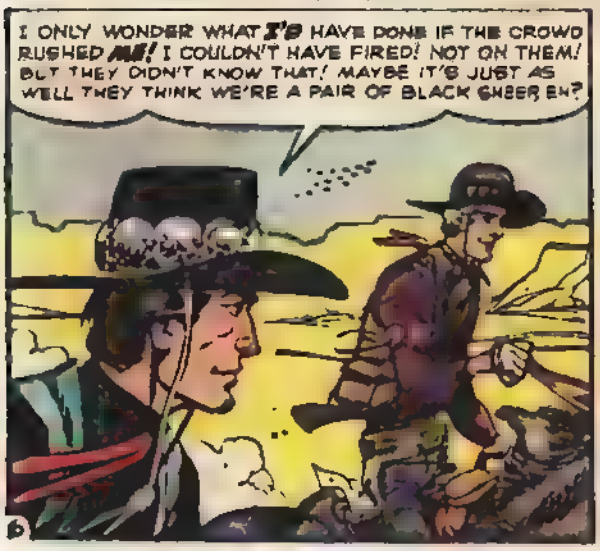

WELL, I RECKON THIS IS WHERE WE PART COMPANY, MARSH! I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE GOING BACK TO TOWN! SO GOOD-BYE!
NO, I WON'T BE GOING BACK! ONLY I DON'T GET IT!

YOU RISKED YOUR NECK TO HELP ME! WHY?
BECAUSE I KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO BE ALONE... AND BECAUSE I WAS THERE WHEN YOU COULD HAVE WRECKED A BOY'S LIFE, AND DIDN'T!


YOUR GUNS ARE .44's! WHEN THE OLD MAN SAID HE'D SLIPPED A .45 SHELL INTO THE ONE HE COVERED YOU WITH, YOU KNEW HE WAS LYING! BUT YOU DIDN'T SAY SO! I SAW HOW YOU LOOKED AT THE BOY!

I FIGURE A MAN WHO'D DO WHAT YOU DID SO A BOY WOULDN'T LOSE FAITH IN SOMEONE HE TRUSTED, ISN'T ALL POISON! FOLKS CAN BE WRONG ABOUT A MAN, LIKE THAT TOWN WAS ABOUT YOU! I KNOW!

HOW WELL THE KID KNEW! HE, TOO, WAS AN OUTCAST...


I ONLY WONDER WHAT I'D HAVE DONE IF THE CROWD RUSHED ME! I COULDN'T HAVE FIRED! NOT ON THEM! BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT! MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL THEY THINK WE'RE A PAIR OF BLACK GHEER EH?

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LET US IN, MARSHAL! WE WANT WOLF BARKER!
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF BARKER!
HE DOESN'T *NEED* A TRIAL -- WE *KNOW* HE'S GUILTY!
THERE'S A *HUNDRED* OF US HERE, MARSHAL -- OPEN THE JAIL!
STAND BACK, ALL OF YOU! *NOBODY* GETS AT WOLF BARKER -- 'LESS IT'S OVER MY DEAD BODY!
MARSHAL, THERE'S TOO MANY OF 'EM! WE CAN'T FIGHT 'EM ALL!
DODGE CITY JAIL
JAILBREAK IN DODGE CITY!
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DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT 'EM ALL! WATCH!
ONE SIDE, MARSHAL -- WE'RE COMIN' THRU..!
NOT WHILE I'M MARSHAL HERE!
BLAM
OW!
WHO'S NEXT ??? I MAY NOT BE SO CAREFUL WITH MUH SECOND SHOT -- I MAY HIT MORE THAN JUST SOME JASPER'S GUN!
NO SENSE ANY OF US GETTIN' KILLED OVER WOLF BARKER!
NAW-- LET 'IM STAY THERE!
C'MON, LET'S GO HOME!
SEE, GRIZZLY? FUNNY THING ABOUT A MOB -- NO MATTER HOW BIG IT IS, IF YUH STAND UP TO IT, SOMETIMES YUH CAN TURN IT AWAY BY JUST STOPPIN' ONE MAN IN IT!
KINDA LIKE STOPPIN' A STAMPEDE BY HEADIN' OFF THE LEAD STEER 'EM, MARSHAL?
DON'T MIND TELLIN' YUH THO', GRIZZLY -- IT WAS A CLOSE CALL! I'D HATE TO HAVE HAD SOMEONE GIT HURT ON ACCOUNTA A LOW DOWN CRITTER LIKE WOLF BARKER!
MEBBE WE SHOULDA LET THE MOB GIT 'IM-- WE KNOW HE IS GUILTY AS ALL GIT-OUT!

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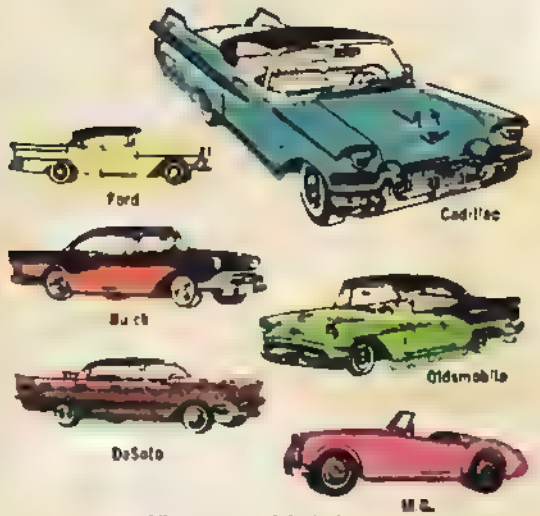

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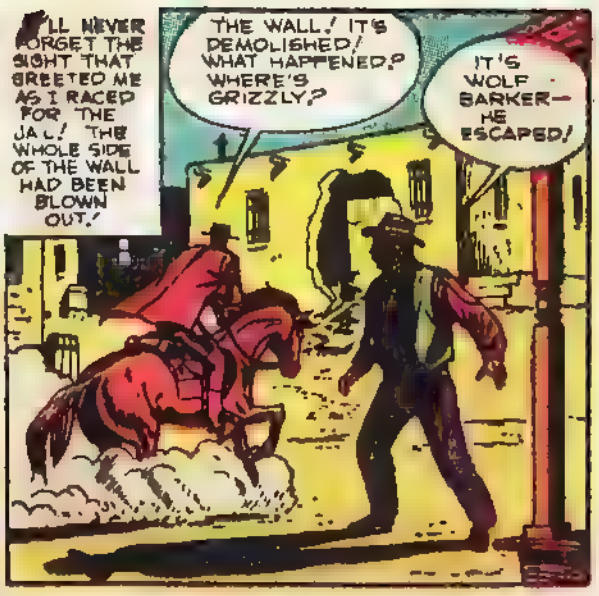
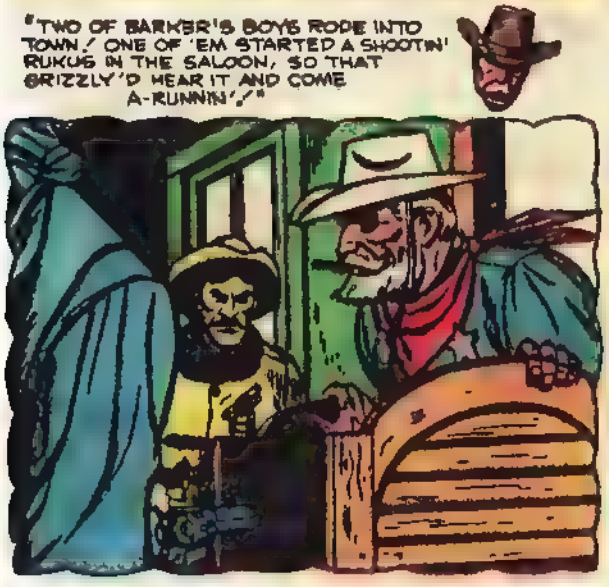
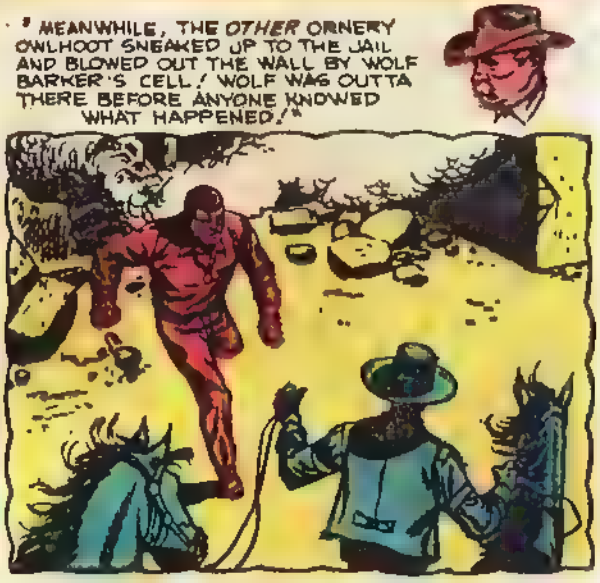
NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR YOU TALKIN' THAT WAY, GRIZZLY! IT AIN'T FOR US TO JUDGE A MAN'S GUILT! WHEN A MOB MAKES THE RULES, THEN LAW AND ORDER STOPS!
SORRY, MARSHAL — YORE RIGHT! RECKON I'M JUST TIRED!
HEY, MARSHAL-- YORE REAL BRAVE SAVIN' ME FROM THE MOB! RECKON THEY'LL GIVE YUH A HERO MEDAL SOME DAY!! HAW HAW!
DON'T KID YOURSELF, WOLF. I DIDN'T DO IT TO SAVE YOU PERSONALLY! IT WAS THE LAW I WAS UPHOLDIN'... WHICH IS PLUMB WORTH DYIN' FOR!
HE AIN'T EVEN GOT ENUFF DECENCY TO BE GLAD YUH SAVED HIM FROM THE MOB!
I'LL SHOW YUH HOW GRATEFUL I AM-- IF I COULD LAY MUH HANDS ON YUH, I'D---
GRIZZLY-- LOOK OUT!
ALL RIGHT, YUH GOT ME NOW. AND I'M GUILTY AS ALL GET-OUT, SURE I AM! BUT I'LL NEVER HANG! MUH BOYS WILL GIT ME OUTTA HERE.. AND WE'LL COME BACK AND REALLY TREE THIS TOWN— JUST WAIT AND SEE!
LET HIM RAVE, GRIZZLY! I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
I'VE GOT TO RIDE OUT TO THE BAR-Y SPREAD FOR A SPELL, GRIZZLY. BE SURE TO KEEP YORE EYES OPEN HERE TILL I GET BACK!
DON'T WORRY NOMB, MARSHAL. I'LL KEEP WOLF BAKER SAFE AND SOUND FOR THE JUDGE NEXT WEEK!

MY CALL AT THE BAR-Y ONLY TOOK A COUPLE OF HOURS, AND SOON I WAS HEADING BACK TO DODGE, WHEN I HEARD THE SOUNDS OF GUNFIRE!
SHOOTIN'! IN DODGE! SOMETHING'S WRONG!
LET'S GO, JUSTICE -- STRETCH THOSE LEGS, BOY!.
CRACK CRACK


I'LL NEVER FORGET THE SIGHT THAT GREETED ME AS I RACED FOR THE JAIL! THE WHOLE SIDE OF THE WALL HAD BEEN BLOWN OUT!
THE WALL! IT'S DEMOLISHED! WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S GRIZZLY?
IT'S WOLF BARKER— HE ESCAPED!


"TWO OF BARKER'S BOYS RODE INTO TOWN! ONE OF 'EM STARTED A SHOOTIN' RUKUS IN THE SALOON, SO THAT GRIZZLY'D HEAR IT AND COME A-RUNNIN'!"


"MEANWHILE, THE OTHER ORNERY OWLHOOT SNEAKED UP TO THE JAIL AND BLOWED OUT THE WALL BY WOLF BARKER'S CELL! WOLF WAS OUTTA THERE BEFORE ANYONE KNOWED WHAT HAPPENED!"

AND GRIZZLY— WHAT ABOUT HIM?
THERE HE IS-- MORE DEAD THAN ALIVE!

WOLF'S GUNNIE SHOT 'IM POINT BLANK WHEN HE RAN INTO THE SALOON-- DIDN'T GIVE 'IM A CHANCE! KNOWED HE WAS THE ONLY LAWMAN LEFT IN TOWN!
GRIZZLY!! OLD FRIEND!

EVERYTHING I CAN FOR HIM. BUT MEANWHILE, YOU HAVE A JOB TO DO!
I DID HAVE A JOB TO DO! AS I TIGHTENED MY GUN BELT, I FELT DOZENS OF EYES ON ME— I KNEW WHAT EVERY MAN WAS THINKING— I HAD TO PROVE THEY WERE
I GOT SOME HARD RIDIN' TO DO!
MARSHAL— YUH CAN'T GO AFTER THEM THREE HARD-CASES ALONE! WAIT TILL WE SADDLE UP!
ELSE
IT WASN'T HARD TO FOLLOW THEIR TRAIL! THEY WERE HEADING TOWARD THE FOOTHILLS OF CACTUS RIDGE! PROBABLY RECKONED NO ONE WOULD DARE FOLLOW THEM THERE, FOR IN THOSE CAVES AND GULLIES, THREE MEN COULD HOLD OFF AN ARMY! BUT THEY WOULDN'T HOLD OFF WYATT EARP!
CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE ANY MISTAKES
CRACK
PYYONG!

UNDER COVER OF AN OVERHANGING LEDGE, I WORKED OUT A PLAN...
JUSTICE, OL' PARD— YOU HEAD IN THAT DIRECTION, UP THAT PATH— AND MAKE A LOT OF NOISE DOIN' IT. GO ON, BOY—
THEY'LL HEAR JUSTICE AND RECKON I'M RIDIN' HIM— BY THE TIME HE COMES INTO SIGHT, I SHOULD BE 'MOST UP TO 'EM.'
LISTEN.' THE ORNERY FOOL IS RIDIN' UP THE TRAIL TOWARD US.'
GIVE 'IM ANOTHER FEW MINUTES, AND WHEN HE'S REAL CLOSE, WE'LL GUN 'IM DOWN.'
CLATTER-
CLIP-CLOP-CLATTER-
NOW!
LOOK— IT'S ONLY THE HOSS!
WHERE'S EARP?
RIGHT BEHIND YOU, HOMBRES! DROP THOSE IRONS— PRONTO!
HE TRICKED US!
TURN AROUND SHOOTIN'! HE CAN'T GUN US ALL!!
I ALMOST HOPED YUH'D TRY THAT!
MUH HAND!
HE— HE AIN'T HUMAN!
CONGARN YUH— I'LL GIT YUH WITH MUH BARE HANDS!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK

I COULD HAVE SHOT HIM BEFORE HE REACHED ME, BUT WHEN I THOUGHT OF GRIZZLY, WOUNDED BACK IN DODGE, I *WANTED* WOLF BARKER TO REACH ME/ I WANTED TO PUNISH HIM, HAND-TO-HAND./

I'VE BEEN *WAITING* FOR THIS, BARKER./

ALL RIGHT,! YOU TWO ,! YORE NEXT-- FISTS, OR GUNS?

WE *HAD* IT, MARSHAL.

WE KNOW WHEN WE'RE LICKED/

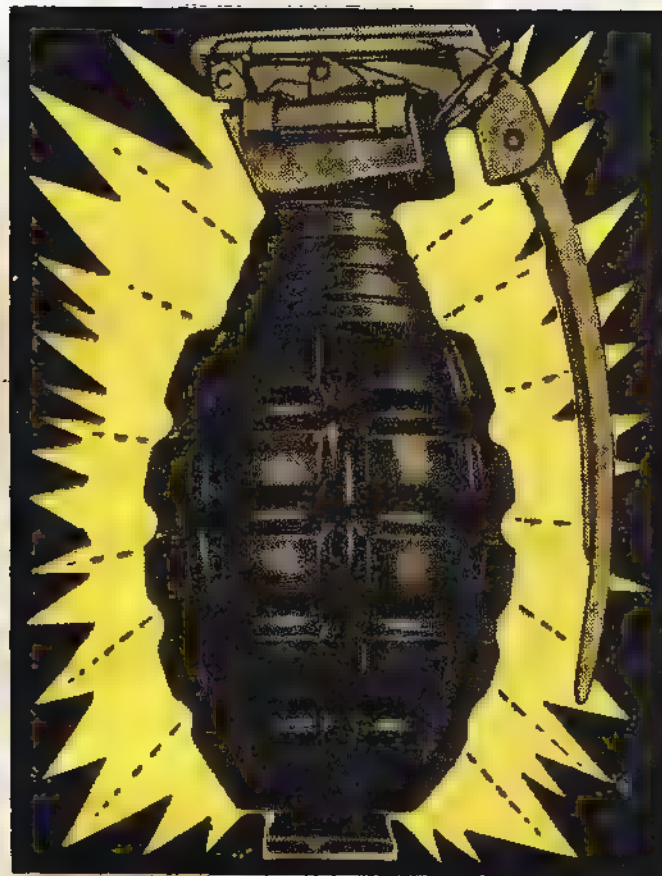
AND SO WOLF BARKER RETURNED TO DODGE, THIS TIME WITH HIS TWO PARTNERS ALSO IN CUSTODY. THE TOWNSPEOPLE ALL HELPED WITH THE MASONRY, AND WE HAD A NEW BRICK WALL ON THE JAIL IN *NO TIME!* AS FOR GRIZZLY...

YOU OLNERY OL' HOOT-OWL/ I KNOWED YUH WERE TOO TOUGH TO KILL/

MARSHAL, THE PEOPLE IN TOWN WANT ME TO TELL YUH SOMETHIN'...

WE REELIZE YUH WERE *RIGHT*/ THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN ANY TOWN IS LAW AND ORDER./ AND NO MATTER HOW HARD IT IS, IT'S GOTTA BE PROTECTED. BECAUSE WHEN PEOPLE TRY TO TAKE THE LAW IN THEIR OWN HANDS, THEY NO LONGER *HAVE* ANY LAW./ SO, WE'RE ASHAMED OF OURSELVES, MARSHAL -- AND PLUMB PROUD TO HAVE A HOMBRE LIKE *YOU* WEARIN' A BADGE./

I COULDN'T ANSWER GRIZZLY JUST THEN-- MOSTLY ON ACCOUNTA THE LUMP IN MUH THROAT./ BUT SUDDENLY ALL THE DANGERS AND HARDSHIPS OF BEIN' A MARSHAL SEEMED MIGHTY WORTHWHILE TO ME./



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THE SILENT MAN

WHEN young Mrs. Gamp told the Big Falls Ladies Thursday Afternoon Sewing Circle that her widowed great-aunt, Mrs. Augusta Barber was coming west, there was great interest.

At home, later, lawyer Sam Boker listened to his wife's report of the meeting.

"Easterner, eh?" he said. "But why is she coming West?"

Mrs. Boker beamed.

"Mrs. Gamp told us her aunt had a very inquiring kind of mind . . . she's the sort of person who wants to travel and see wider horizons."

"We've got 'em here," Sam Boker rejoined. "But I hope an inquiring mind doesn't mean a prying one."

"What do you mean?"

"There's a difference between the East and our West," Mr. Boker mused. "The West is bigger; it's backward in some ways, but more open-minded in others. We're not nosy out here."

"Anyway," Mrs. Boker said, "she'll probably join the Sewing Circle."

Mr. Boker was still musing. He said, "Well, I hope she knows enough to mind her own business . . . especially about old Lou."

Mrs. Augusta Barber arrived in Big Falls a week later, and immediately justified the hope that she would be, at least, interesting. She was quite formidable. Her first act, after several days, was to write a letter to the editor of the county's weekly newspaper, outlining all the things she had found wrong with Big Falls and the region in general. It was duly printed, but there were very few comments. In the letter, Mrs. Barber complained of the fact that the street lights in town were old-fashioned kerosene lamps, that the newspaper itself cost five cents more than the one she had been accustomed to reading back home, that mail deliveries were much slower than those back East, and made several other complaints.

Upon her introduction to the Thursday Afternoon Sewing Circle, her views were repeated and in the same strong fashion. The ladies who had hoped, at first, that she would bring a wider view to them, became more and more silent.

"I think I've enlarged their outlook, my dear, don't you?" Her aunt said to Mrs. Gamp as they were driving home in the Gamp buckboard.

"Well . . . uh . . . perhaps you did, Aunt Augusta," Mrs. Gamp stammered.

"A poorly conducted town," Mrs. Barber remarked, glancing about the streets. "All kinds of odd characters lounging about."

"Why they're just cowpokes visiting in town from the various cattle raising spreads," Mrs. Gamp laughed. "They only wear their best clothes when they go to church or town meeting."

"They look like ragamuffins or tramps," sniffed Mrs. Barber. "See that one, for instance. Why he looks like an absolute hobo!"

"Why that's just old Lou," her niece said, and both women glanced at the middle-aged man. His boots were in fairly ruinous state, his levis were patched in a dozen places, and his wide-brimmed hat would have been no protection at all in a rain-shower. "He's a sort of character, I guess . . . but perfectly harmless."

"Seems to me almost the whole West is made up of odd characters," declared Mrs. Barber.

"Most folks out here are descended from independent-minded pioneers," Mrs. Gamp explained. "We all reckon everyone's got a right to live their own lives the way they choose, provided they don't break the law. And Lou is certainly very law-abiding."

"Hmmmm. Well, I think that tidying up your Lou would be a good start toward making this town look better! I'm going to find out more about him!" Mrs. Barber shook her head vigorously. "And then I'm going to see that something's done about it, my dear!"

From several older members of the Sewing Circle, of like mind, she found out that Lou was the last of a big, landowning dynasty, that he lived in seclusion in a tumbledown man-

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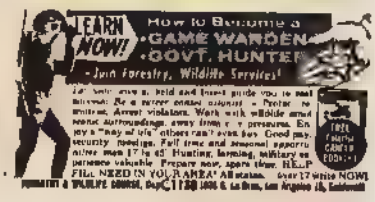

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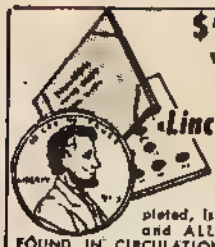

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sion that belonged to him. She also learned that a big cattle-rancher named Lud Hackett was trying to make a deal with Lou. This involved the idea of Hackett's giving Lou some hundred acres of rocky land and a little cash for his remaining thousand acres of good grassland. This last item puffed Mrs. Barber up with indignation. Over supper, she complained to Mr. Gamp.

"Henry," she began shrilly. "It's absolutely terrible that nobody's doing a thing to stop that Lud Hackett's taking Lou's land."

"Now take it easy, Aunt Augusta," Mr. Gamp said quietly. "Lou may seem odd and act oddly, but he's capable of taking care of his own affairs."

"Well, I don't think so," Mrs. Barber said. "It's disgraceful that everybody can look on and do nothing about it." She stiffened. "Out East this would never happen . . . we'd do something about it! Henry, you're a friend of Sam Boker's . . . and I hear Mr. Boker is legal representative of Lou's estate. Why don't you speak to him and warn him?"

"Why . . . Sam Boker is in favor of the land exchange, Aunt Augusta," Mr. Gamp said.

"He is!" Mrs. Barber said, incredulously. "Well, then I see it'll depend on *me* to save the poor man."

On market day, encountering old Lou, Mrs. Barber stepped up to him, bowed formally and said, "Mr. Lou, I must apologize for this, but sombody ought to tell you that Lud Hackett is trying to rob you of good land for worthless land!"

Lou stared at her for a moment silently, in some puzzlement; then he made a gesture as if tipping his ancient hat, and walked on his way. She followed, imploring him to listen, but he said not a word.

"Well, I never!" Mrs. Barber exclaimed. "Poor man, he's demented. And if nobody else in this town will help him, *I will!*"

Mr. Gamp warned her against interfering, that evening. But she insisted on him driving her into town the next day, having found out that the formal land exchange was to take place at the deeds office at noon. Unfortunately, she arrived fifteen minutes too late, only just in time to watch big, hulking Lud Hackett, old Lou and Sam Boker come out of the deeds office. Lud Hackett then rode off.

"Too late," Mrs. Barber muttered. "Henry Gamp, I think you deliberately delayed me."

Mr. Gamp chuckled. "That's right, I didn't want you to interfere, Aunt Augusta . . . especially when it meant a chance for sombody in this township to get even with that land-grabbing Lud Hackett!"

Mrs. Barber stared in amazement. "But you and just everybody in this township let Lud Hackett take Lou's land for worthless . . ."

"Lou *didn't* get worthless land, Aunt Augusta," Mr. Gamp exclaimed, chuckling.

"Lou may look eccentric, but he isn't crazy . . . in fact he's smart, even if a little lazy. He found out that the old, rocky land of Hackett's had hidden mineral springs under it, good for bottled tonic waters. Lou found out by looking into ancient, forgotten, land-survey books in his old family library. So when Lud Hackett offered him the apparently worthless land, thinking to get the better of the bargain, Lou jumped at the chance. He was too old to work the family grazing land, but with the help of Sam Boker and myself, and others in on the secret, he's going to be able to work those mineral springs!"

Mrs. Barber glanced at the ragged little figure walking next to lawyer Boker, and finally, she smiled.

"I see I was a busybody," she admitted. "And it certainly puzzled me why he never even spoke when I tried to tell him he was giving up good land for bad. I thought he really was crazy!"

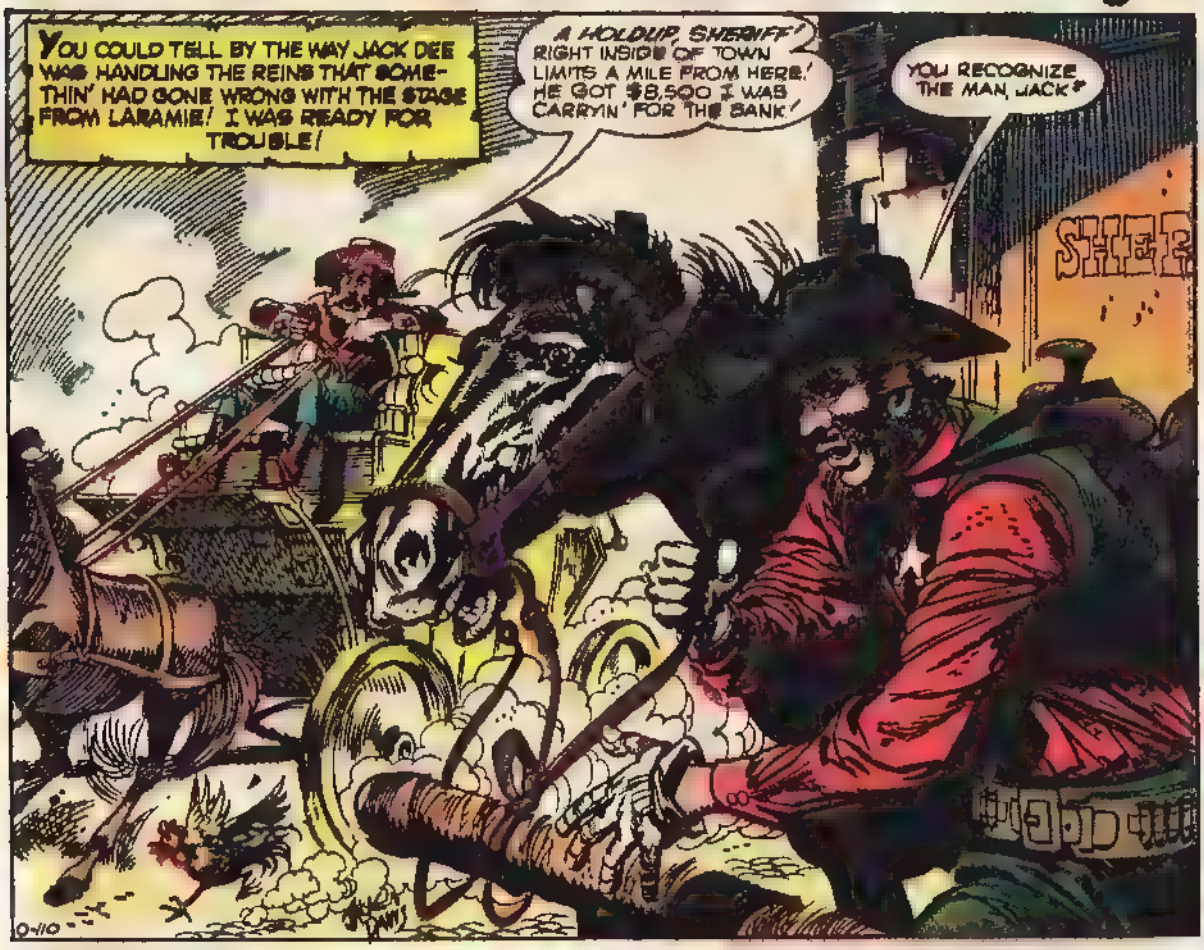
Mr. Gamp chuckled again.

"Why, even out East, you folks have a saying that when a man's silent, it's either because he has nothing to say . . . or else because he has too much to say. That might have told you Lou had something to keep quiet about." He stared at Lou and Sam Boker walking into Herb Matten's General Store. "I reckon it's the end of Lou's being ragged. When he comes out of there, he'll look *more* like the president of an up-and-coming mineral waters company, than old Lou!"

THE END K-69

MAYBE THINGS WOULD'VE BEEN DIFFERENT HAD TAD LENOX BEEN GIVEN THE CHANCE IN LIFE HE'D ASKED FOR! I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT TIME LONG PAST AS I WENT IN PURSUIT OF THE RECKLESS DESPERADO/ IT WAS MY JOB TO CATCH MY FORMER PAL, BECAUSE I WAS...

THE SHERIFF!


YOU COULD TELL BY THE WAY JACK DEE WAS HANDLING THE REINS THAT SOMETHIN' HAD GONE WRONG WITH THE STAGE FROM LARAMIE! I WAS READY FOR TROUBLE!
A HOLDUP, SHERIFF! RIGHT INSIDE OF TOWN LIMITS A MILE FROM HERE! HE GOT $8,500 I WAS CARRYIN' FOR THE BANK!
YOU RECOGNIZE THE MAN, JACK?
SHER

RECKON I KNOW TAD LENOX WELL AS I KNOW YOU, BEN BOYD! THAT KERCHIEF HE HAD ON HIS FACE DIDN'T FOOL ME NONE!
DID YOU SEE WHICH WAY HE HEADED?

ONLY WAY HE COULD WITHOUT STAYIN' OUT IN OPEN COUNTRY, BEN! HE LIT OUT FOR PIKE TRAIL, INTO THE HILLS!
PIKE TRAIL! TAD'S GETTIN' CARELESS! HE KNOWS THOSE HILLS WERE LIKE A SECOND HOME TO ME, JUST LIKE THEY WERE TO HIM!

I DUG MY SPURS INTO LUCIFER AND IN THE FOUR MINUTES IT TOOK TO REACH THE MILL TRAIL I DID SOME THINKING ABOUT TAD LENOX

FUNNY TO GROW UP WITH A KID AND PAL AROUND WITH HIM, THEN FIND YOURSELVES ENEMIES / ME ON ONE SIDE OF THE LAW, HIM ON THE OTHER /

HIS PONY'S TRAIL WAS FRESH AND CLEAR, EASY TO FOLLOW.

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"THINGS FROM BACK IN THOSE DAYS CAME TO ME THEN / I REMEMBERED HOW TAD LENOX WAS KIND OF A SULKY KID, COMPLAININ' EVEN THEN THE WAY NOTHIN' EVER WENT RIGHT FOR HIM...

SEE, BEN, I TOLD YUH I COULDN'T EVER CATCH ANYTHING AT THE POND /

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T FISH FROM THE RIGHT PLACE / I SAID YOU SHOULD'VE GONE DEEPER THERE THE BIG ONES HOOTIN ALONG THE BOTTOM /

TELL YOU WHAT TAD / I'LL GIVE YOU TWO OF MY FISH FOR THREE OF YOURS / THEY'RE THE SMALL ONES, HONEST / THEY MAKE SWEETER EATIN' /

I DON'T WANT YOUR FISH / I LIKE TROUT BETTER ANYHOW / THERE'S PLENTY OF TROUT IN MILLER'S BROOK, BUT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN THERE /

TAD, BEIN' MY NEAREST NEIGHBOR, I HAD TO BE HIS PAL, I RECKON / AND WE'D STAYED PALS, EVEN TEN YEARS LATER..

I SURE WISH I HADN'T LET YUH TALK ME INTO GOIN' TO THIS SQUARE DANCE, BEN /

JUST THE SAME, I NOTICE YOU GOT SLICKED UP FANCY FOR IT /

WE HADN'T BEEN THERE FIVE MINUTES WHEN ME AND TAD MET EDNA MARLEY / COULD BE THAT WAS THE TURNIN' POINT IN THE LIVES OF ALL THREE OF US...

EDNA, YOU REMEMBER MRS. LENOX AND MRS. BOYD, WHO WERE ON THE FAIR COMMITTEE WITH ME LAST FALL / WELL, THESE ARE THEIR BOYS /

TAD, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY NEIGHBOR, MR. BEN BOYD, AND THIS IS TAD LENOX /

WE TOOK TURNS DANCIN' WITH EDNA...

LIVIN' AT OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE TOWN, I DON'T RECKON WE EVER WOULD'VE MET BUT FOR THIS DANCE!

I'VE BEEN BACK EAST THE PAST THREE YEARS' MA AND PA HAD ME GOING TO SCHOOL THERE, BUT I'M GLAD TO BE BACK! AT LEAST, I'M GLAD *NOW*, BEN!

SO AM I, EDNA! I HOPE YOU'LL LET ME CALL ON YOU!

I'D THINK THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME IF YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SEE ME AGAIN!

I FELL FOR EDNA RIGHT OFF! I RECKON IT WAS THE SAME WITH TAD..

SHE'S LIKELY TELLIN' HIM THE SAME AS SHE TOLD ME!

EDNA HAD SURE ENOUGH ENCOURAGED TAD TO CALL ON HER, TOO! IT ENDED UP WITH US BOTH COURTIN' HER...

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I CAN'T HOLD ANOTHER THING! YOU CARRY IT FOR ME, TAD!

CANDY

THIS WAS ONE TIME I GOT AWAY OUT AHEAD OF TAD LENOX! I'D DONE A LOT OF EXTRA CHORES TO GET MONEY TO BUY EDNA A RING...

IT'LL BE ANOTHER SIX MONTHS BEFORE I FINISH MY LAW STUDIES WITH LAWYER PHELPS, EDNA.

SIX MONTHS ISN'T LONG TO WAIT WHEN YOU LOVE SOMEONE, BEN! I'LL BE PROUD TO BE MRS. BEN BOYD!

TAD CAME BY NOT TEN MINUTES LATER! HE TOOK OUR ENGAGEMENT REAL BAD...

NOTHIN' MATTERS IF YOU WON'T MARRY ME, EDNA! I SWEAR, I'LL GO BAD IF YOU TURN ME DOWN!

I'M SORRY WE BOTH HAD TO LOVE THE SAME GIRL, TAD! BUT *I'VE* BEEN THE LUCKY ONE SHE LOVES *ME!*

TAD TURNED AND STALKED OFF, MUTTERIN' THREATS...

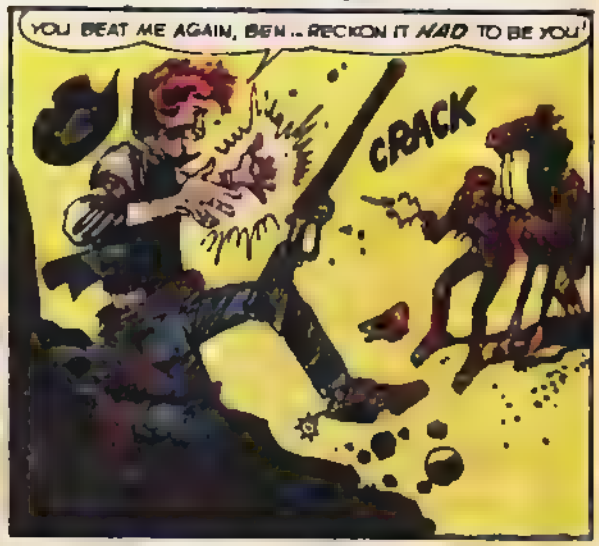
TAD'S VERY BITTER! HE MIGHT GO BAD IF I MARRY *HIM*, I COULD STRAIGHTEN HIM OUT, I'M SURE!

THAT'S FOR *YOU* TO DECIDE, EDNA!

TAD LENOX *DID* GO BAD' FOR NIGH ON TO 20 YEARS, HE'D *BEEN* AN OUTLAW, WANTED IN SEVERAL STATES...

'THIS WAS MY FIRST BRUSH WITH HIM 'AND SUDDENLY I STOPPED REMEMBERING THE PAST, 'CAUSE I CAUGHT UP WITH TAD, AND HE TRIED TO DRYGULCH ME...

I FELT BAD ABOUT HOW IT TURNED OUT BUT I HAD MY JOB TO DO.



I'D LEFT MY LAW PRACTICE WHEN THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN ELECTED ME SHERIFF TEN YEARS AGO' TAD HAD BEEN THE ONE DARK SPOT IN OUR LIVES

BEN I FEEL GUILTY 'TAD LENOX MIGHT'VE BEEN DIFFERENT IF I'D MARRIED HIM!
YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL THAT WAY EDNA 'TAD JUST HAD IT IN HIM TO BE BAD' BUT MAYBE THIS WILL BE A LESSON TO HIM! HE'LL COME OUT OF PRISON A BETTER MAN...AND WE'LL OFFER HIM A HELPING HAND! WITH SOME KINDNESS I RECKON TAD WILL TURN OUT ALL RIGHT!
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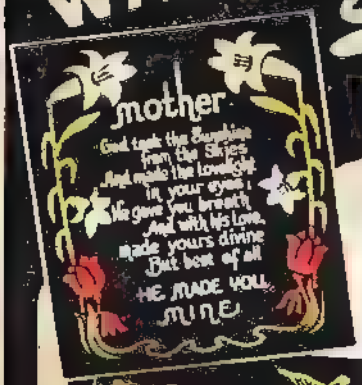

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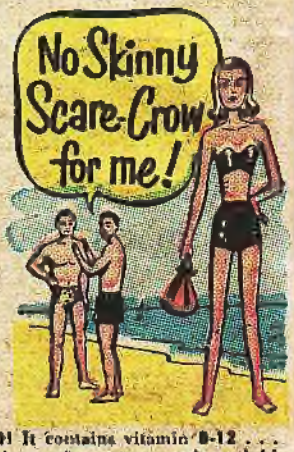

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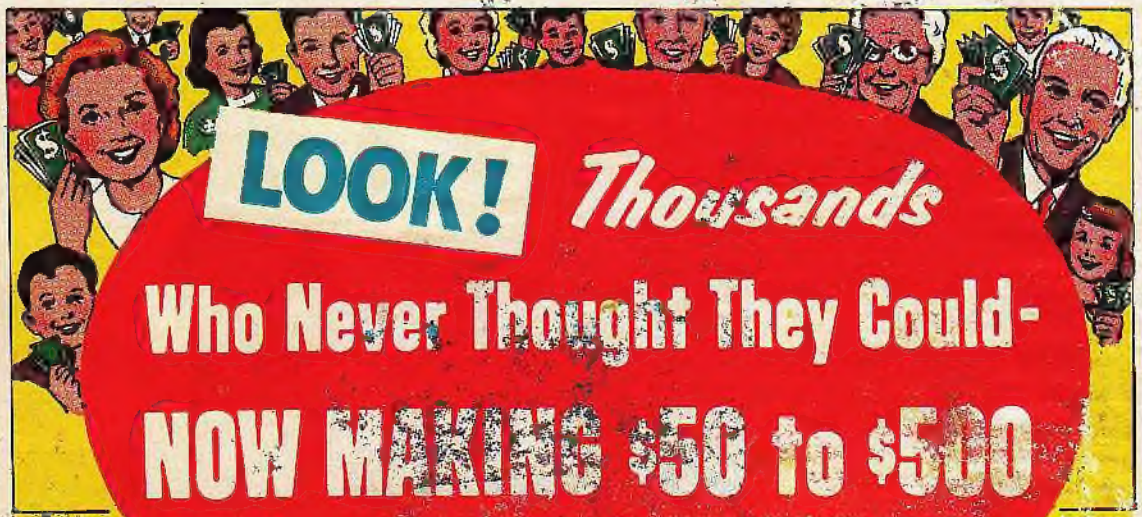

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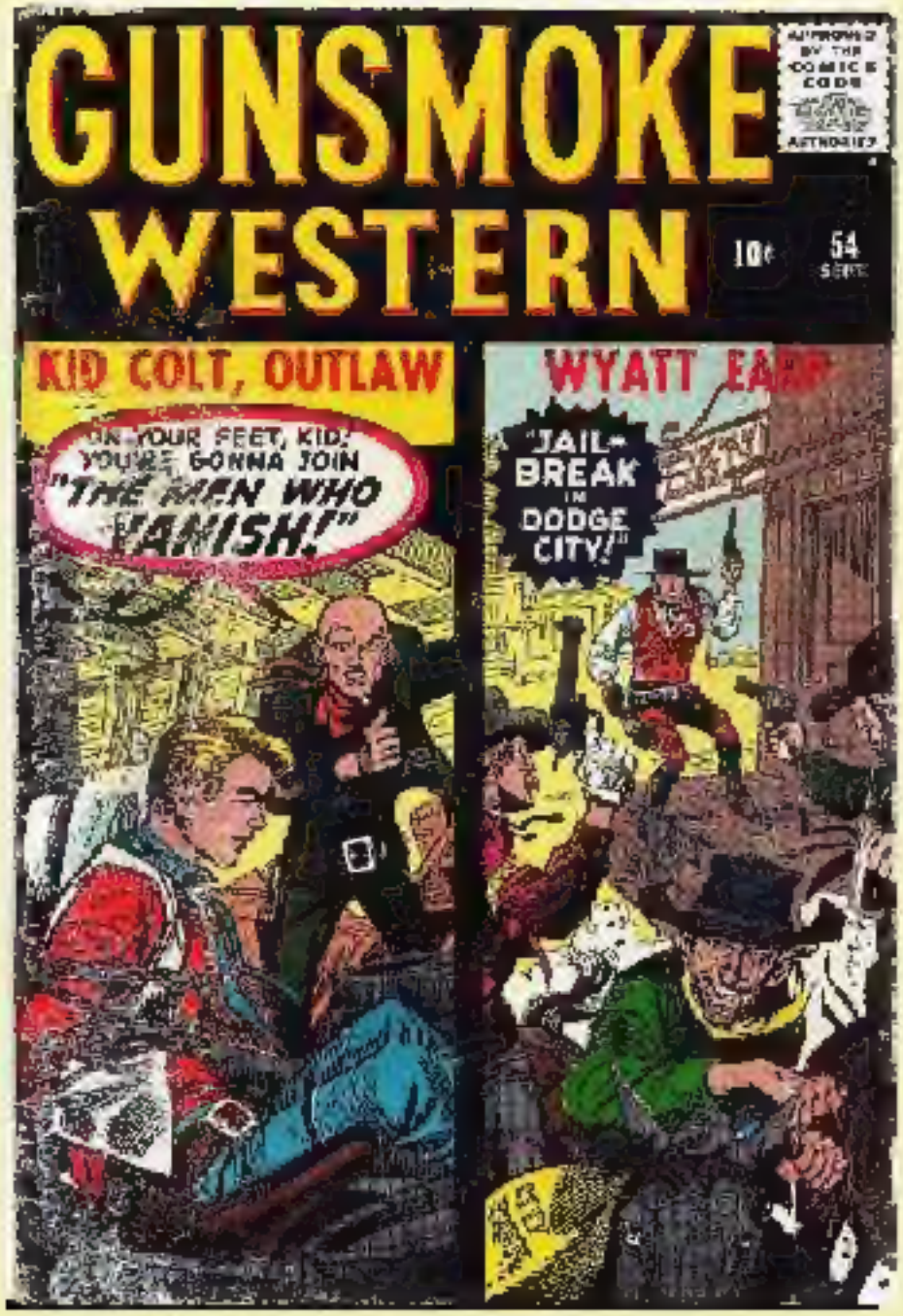

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